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SUBJECT: DETAINEE RELEASES

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1. SEPTEMBER 8 PNA (PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY) REPORTS THAT UNDERSECRETARY FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE BARBERO ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 7 THAT TOTAL OF 393 DETAINEES HAD BEEN RELEASED BY MILITARY BETWEEN AUGUST 6 AND SEPTEMBER 6. BARBERO SAID RELEASE BROUGHT TO TOTAL OF 929 NUMBER OF DETAINEES RELEASED SINCE JULY 1. 536 DETAINEES HAD BEEN RELEASED DURING PERIOD JULY 1 TO AUGUST 5 (REFTEL B).

2. ACCORDING TO COMMAND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF DETAINEES (CAD), THERE ARE NOW 4172 DETAINEES IN MILITARY CUSTODY. BARBERO SAID SOME DETAINEES' CASES ARE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE MILITARY TO CIVILIAN JURISDICTION AND DETAINEES CAN APPLY FOR BAIL FOR THEIR TEMPORARY LIBERTY. BARBERO SAID ARRESTING OFFICERS NOW HAVE 24 HOURS TO TURN OVER TO PROPER AUTHORITIES INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED. OFFICERS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER WILL BE CHARGED WITH "ARBITRARY DETENTION." BARBERO EXPLAINED IT HAD BEEN PRACTICE OF ARRESTING OFFICERS TO BRING ARRESTEES TO A "SAFEHOUSE" (WHICH PNA DEFINES AS "TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS") BEFORE
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THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO PROPER AUTHORITIES. BARBERO

ADDED THAT ALL PERSONS ARRESTED ARE EXAMINED BY DOCTORS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO BODILY HARM BY THEIR CAPTORS.

3. "DAILY EXPRESS" REPORTED SEPTEMBER 8 THAT IN RELATED MOVE, SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ENRILE ANNOUNCED THAT ARREST OF ANY PERSON MUST BE REPORTED TO COMMAND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF DETAINEES WITHIN 24 HOURS. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF DETAINEE MUST BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN SAME PERIOD. ACCORDING TO "EXPRESS," "ENRILE'S ORDER DOES AWAY WITH THE OCCASIONAL PRACTICE OF CERTAIN MILITARY AGENTS IN UTILIZING SO-CALLED SAFEHOUSES FOR THE INTERROGATION OF A PERSON ARRESTED BEFORE TURNING THEM OVER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE UNITS FOR INVESTIGATION AND DETENTION."

4. COMMENT: LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT OF DETAINEE RELEASES PART OF CONTINUING GOP EFFORT TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT IT IS COMPLYING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT. DESPITE BARBERO'S AND ENRILE'S CLAIMS "SAFEHOUSES" HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THIS PROVES TO BE THE CASE.
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